

ETF GROWTH STRATEGY September 2020

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To generate above-average total return with reduced volatility over the long term. The primary focus is to invest in various ETFs/ETNs in both Canadian and Global markets across all asset classes to maximize portfolio diversification and capitalize on market opportunities.

MANAGER COMMENTARY

As we all know Covid-19 is still among us so PLEASE STAY SAFE>.....

Slower growth ...lower rates ... more volatility?

September lived up to its historical return expectations for the TSX index and proved to be a difficult month from a volatility perspective (6% peakto-trough), with a negative return of -2.38% (historical average monthly return of -1.3%). The same dataset shows that negative September returns are typically followed by flat to better returns in the month of October (ranging between +0.01% and +1.10%, at a rate of 58% frequency of positive observations).

Personal income contracted sharply in the US in August while spending growth decelerated, suggesting that the economic recovery is on a slower trajectory. The 2.7% drop in incomes reflected the end of widescale federal government top-ups to unemployment. Short term market fluctuations continue to be influenced not only by earnings estimates but also somewhat by the approximate additional two trillion-dollar fiscal spending deal promoted by the two sides in the US election now not expected to be reached before the November 3rd election.

In September the U.S. Congressional Budget Office reported that it anticipates average annual GDP growth of 1.6% from 2020 to 2050, roughly a full quarter percentage point less than it expected in June 2019, the last time it released long-term economic projections and before the coronavirus pandemic swept across the U.S., triggering a deep recession.

Growth had averaged 2.5% from 1990 to 2019.

The consensus S&P 500 Earnings Forecast as of mid-October were as follows for 2020, 2021 and 2022: \$125, \$155 and \$190.67 all compared to the actual 2019 of \$163 (Despite current year expectations for earnings 23% lower the S&P500 closed 13 per cent higher on Sep. 30 2020 than on Sep 30 2019).

Some commodity prices, gold and copper in particular, have continued to strike new highs in Q3.

For Q3 2020 (all measured in CAD unless specified otherwise) the Total Returns including reinvested dividends for the major indexes were: S&P/TSX Composite +4.73%; S&P 500 + 6.83%; S&P 500 Index (USD) +8.79%; MSCI WORLD INDEX +6.16%; MSCI WORLD INDEX (USD) + 8.05%. The FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index rose +0.44%. The CAD dollar rose 1.97% versus the U.S.

The top 3 Q3 performers in the portfolio were: BMO Nasdaq 100 Equity (+11.66%), BMO MSCI USA High Quality ETF (+6.84%), and BMO MSCI Europe High Quality Hedged CAD Index ETF (+2.63%). The bottom 3 performers were: BMO Equal Weight Global (-10.65%), iShares Edge MSCI Minimum Volatility Global Index ETF (+1.52%) and iShares S&P/TSX Capped Info Tech Index ETF (+2.09%).

During Q3, two positions were added: BMO Equal Weight Global ETF (-11%) and BMO China Equity Index ETF (+2.22%) and one position was liquidated: iShares Edge MSCI Min Vol Global Index ETF (+1.52%).

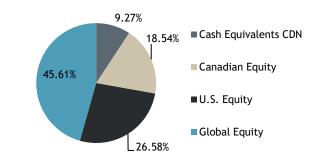
ETF SELECTION PROCESS

A universe of qualified ETFs is carefully selected, and their relative strengths are monitored using various technical research sources.

The top down selection approach of asset classes begins with market cash flow analysis, measured by the relative strength of North American stock exchange listings, as compared to ETFs of other asset classes.

Asset allocation is based mainly on the purchase of sectors which are outperforming, and the sale of sectors which are underperforming on a week-to-week basis, within the overall matrix of qualified ETFs.

ASSET MIX



SECURITY DESCRIPTION % Held

Cash and Cash Equivalents (CAD)	9.27%
TOTAL CASH & EQUIVALENTS	9.27%
BMO MSCI USA High Quality	1 2.9 1%
BMO NASDAQ 100 Equity ETF	13.67%
U.S EQUITY TOTAL	26.58%
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Info Tech Index ETF	18.54%
CANADIAN EQUITY TOTAL	18.54%
BMO Equal Weight Global	4.48%
BMO China Equity Index ETF	19.88%
BMO MSCI Europe High Quality Hedged CAD Index ETF	21.25%
GLOBAL EQUITY TOTAL	45.61%

PERFORMANCE RETURNS

%	3 Mo	6 Mo	YTD	1Yr	3Yr	5Yr	SI
Composite	3.63	5.97	-4.36	0.29	7.67	4.87	6.89
Benchmark	3.86	12.69	3.21	6.87	6.50	6.18	7.62
Diff +/-	-0.23	-6.71	-7.57	-6.59	1.17	-1.31	-0.74

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Composite performance returns are geometrically linked and calculated by weighting each account's monthly performance, including changes in securities' values, and accrued income (i.e. dividends and interest), against its market value at the beginning of each month, as represented by the market value at the opening of the first business day of each month. This Strategy can be purchased either in U.S. or Canadian dollars. Performance returns in this document are expressed in Canadian dollars and are calculated by converting U.S. dollar accounts into Canadian dollars using the month-end Bank of Canada noon rate. Performance returns are gross of AMA investment management fees, and other expenses, if any. Each individual account's performance returns will be reduced by these fees and expenses.

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